

Hunting & Fishing License Information

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Required of All Applicants

Identification – Applicants for all SC hunting and fishing privileges must present a state issued identification card at the time of application. This card should be in your possession when hunting or fishing.

Social Security Number – The disclosure of your social security number is required to obtain SC hunting and fishing licenses. This complies with SC Code 20-7-949 and Federal law 42 USCA 666(a)(13) which requires a licensing agency to provide this information to the Child Support Enforcement unit of the Department of Social Services to establish, modify, and enforce child support orders.

Resident – for recreational privileges is a person who is a domiciled (permanent) resident of South Carolina for 30 consecutive days, or more immediately prior to the date of his application for privileges. Proof of residency is required to obtain a privilege.

Nonresidents – are persons not able to prove SC residency and those residing outside of the state.

Military personnel and their dependents stationed in SC – for sixty days or longer or who are domiciled in this state, are eligible for resident privileges. Valid military identification must be presented when applying.

Military personnel who are residents – of SC stationed outside of the state, and home on leave, shall upon presentation of official furlough or leave papers, be allowed to fish or hunt throughout the state without purchasing a hunting, freshwater fishing or saltwater fishing license. Permits are required to hunt big game, migratory birds, migratory waterfowl and hunt on WMA lands. Tags are required to hunt antlerless deer, and turkey or use non-game fish devices.

Students – enrolled full time in a SC educational institution are eligible for resident privileges. A valid student ID must be presented when applying for privileges.

Borrowing, lending, exchanging, altering or purchasing by fraud DNR privileges is unlawful and suspends hunting and fishing privileges for one year.

Duplicate Licenses – are issued upon affidavit from the licensee that the original license was lost or destroyed and payment of the \$3.00 fee. Duplicates are available at any DNR office and some electronic license sales agents. Duplicates for tags are issued only through DNR offices. No duplicates are issued for federal duck stamps. A new stamp must be purchased.

License in Possession – All licenses, permits, stamps and tags must be in possession of privilege holder while engaging in activities for which privilege documents were issued. Identification indicating name and address must also be in possession of privilege holder.

Persons hunting on their own lands are required to have all applicable licenses, permits, stamps or tags in their possession.

License Year – The license year begins July 1, 2008 and ends June 30, 2009. Regardless of the date sold, annual licenses expire June 30, 2009.

Special tags – All age groups are required to obtain and possess special tags when engaged in the following activities: hunting antlerless deer, and turkey, using non-game fish devices or taking shrimp over bait.

Suspended Licenses – It is unlawful for persons whose privileges are suspended to apply for, hold, or use DNR licenses, permits, or tags.

Where to Buy Hunting & Fishing Privileges:

- 700 license agents throughout the state, see web site for a listing by county.
- Internet – dnr.sc.gov and select BUY.
- Toll Free 1-866-714-3611, available 24-hours, 7 days a week.
- DNR offices in Charleston, Clemson, Columbia and Florence. Office hours 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Youth Requirements – No child under 16 years of age is required to obtain a hunting or fishing license unless that child engages in the taking of game or fish for commercial purposes or possesses any non-game fish devices.

Freshwater Fishing License – is not required when fishing in a privately owned pond. A license is required when fishing in commercial pay ponds, unless the pond is permitted by DNR.

Georgia & South Carolina Reciprocal License Agreement – All channels of the Savannah River, from its mouth to the confluence of the Tugaloo and the Seneca rivers; and the Chattooga River to the boundary line between Georgia and North Carolina are included in an agreement between Georgia and South Carolina to use valid freshwater sportfishing licenses and permits that have been issued by either state.

This agreement also applies to the following impoundments: Thurmond, Russell, Hartwell, Yonah, Tugaloo, Stevens Creek, and the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, but not to any tributary streams to those impoundments nor tributary streams to the Savannah, Tugaloo, and Chattooga rivers.

All persons holding a valid license from Georgia or South Carolina will be allowed to fish in the waters covered by this agreement.

NOTE: Contact Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division at 770-918-6406 for information on Georgia size and catch limits or visit www.georgiawildlife.org.

Saltwater Fishing License – is required when fishing for marine finfish from privately owned boats when transporting catch in privately owned boats or when harvesting oysters and clams. See also pages 23-27.

Hunting – is defined as trying to find, seek, obtain, pursue or diligently search for game.

Hunter Education Requirements – All residents and non-residents, born after June 30, 1979, must successfully complete a SCDNR approved hunter education course and present the certificate of completion before a hunting license can be purchased.

A hunter education card alone is not a valid hunting license. For more information on hunter education, call 803-734-3995 or 1-800-277-4301.

Special Note for Disability, Gratis and Senior License Holders

Before hunting migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese, brants) you must obtain and possess a current Federal Duck Stamp for \$15.

Your license includes the State Migratory Waterfowl Permit (formerly State Duck Stamp) and you do not need to purchase this privilege again.

Disability Licenses – are only available to SC residents. A person who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of South Carolina for one year or more, immediately prior to his date of application and who is certified to be totally disabled may apply for a 3 Year Disability License or a 3 Year Disability Fishing License. See page 60 for additional information and an application.

Gratis Licenses – are only available to SC residents. A person who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of South Carolina for 180 consecutive days or more, immediately prior to his application and born on or before July 1, 1940 may apply for a gratis license.

Senior Licenses – are only available to SC residents. A person who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of South Carolina for 180 consecutive days or more, immediately prior to his application, born after July 1, 1940 and reached the age of 64, may apply for a senior license. The cost is \$9.

Lifetime Licenses – are only available to SC residents. A person who has been a domiciled (permanent) resident of South Carolina for 180 consecutive days or more, immediately prior to his application may apply for Lifetime licenses. A photocopy of the applicant's South Carolina driver's license must accompany the application. Non-resident lifetime licenses are not available. All lifetime licenses remain valid for the privileges issued if the holder moves out of state. However, if the licensee applies for privileges not covered by the lifetime license, and no longer meets the requirement for a resident, he must purchase the additional licenses as a non-resident. See page 59 for Lifetime license types, fees and an application.

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Privilege Fees — July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009

Duration	Privilege Type	Residents	Non Residents	Notes and Prerequisites (see also page 11)
Fishing Privileges				
Annual	Freshwater Fishing License	\$10.00	\$35.00	See pages 11, 17-18 for more information
7-Day	Freshwater Fishing License	n/a	\$11.00	Valid 7 consecutive days, see pages 11, 17-18 for more information
14-Day	Freshwater Fishing License	\$5.00	n/a	Valid 14 consecutive days, see pages 11, 17-18 for more information
Annual	Lakes & Reservoirs Permit	3.00	n/a	Permit to fish freshwater using nonmanufactured tackle or natural bait only in Lakes Ashwood, Greenwood, Jocassee, Keowee-Toxaway, Marion, Moultrie, Murray, Richard B. Russell and Wiley or the Hartwell, Monticello or Parr Reservoirs or on portions of the Catawba, Savannah and Wateree Rivers. (Specific information is available at dnr.sc.gov/licensing or contact the appropriate regional office on page 61.)
Annual	Saltwater Fishing License	\$10.00	\$35.00	See pages 11, 23-27 for more information
14-Day	Saltwater Fishing License	\$5.00	\$11.00	Valid 14 consecutive days, see pages 11, 23-27 for more information
Annual	Shrimp Baiting License & Tags	\$25.00	\$500.00	Season dates apply, see pages 11, 27 for application
Non-Game Freshwater Fishing Privileges - See pages 19-21 for device specific information				
Annual	Jug Permit	\$5.00	\$50.00	for 3-50 Jugs, 1 per licensee
Annual	Set Hook Permit	\$5.00	\$50.00	for 3-50 Hooks, 1 per licensee
Annual	Eel Pot Tag	\$5.00	\$50.00	Maximum 2 per recreational angler
Annual	Gill Net Tag	\$5.00	\$50.00	Maximum 5 per recreational angler w/ 30 ft nets
Annual	Hoop Net Tag	\$10.00	\$50.00	Maximum 1 per recreational angler
Annual	Trap Tag	\$5.00	\$50.00	Maximum 2 per recreational angler
Annual	Trotline Tag	\$2.50	\$50.00	Maximum 3 per recreational angler w/ maximum 150 hooks
Annual	Commercial Freshwater License	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	Limits apply in certain bodies of water
Freshwater Fishing & Hunting Combination Privileges				
Annual	Combination License	\$25.00	n/a	State Hunting, Big Game Permit and Freshwater Fishing
Annual	Jr Sportsman License	\$16.00	n/a	State Hunting, Big Game Permit, WMA Permit and Freshwater Fishing for applicants age 16-17 only
Annual	Sportsman License	\$50.00	n/a	State Hunting, Big Game Permit, WMA Permit and Freshwater Fishing
Hunting Privileges - See pages 30-56 for new Game Zones and more information				
Annual	State Hunting License	\$12.00	\$125.00	Valid for small game only
Annual	County Hunting License	\$5.00	n/a	Valid for small game only; valid only in the hunter's county of residence
3-Day	State Hunting License	n/a	\$40.00	Valid 3 consecutive days; valid for small game only
10-Day	State Hunting License	n/a	\$75.00	Valid 10 consecutive days; valid for small game only
Annual	Big Game Permit	\$6.00	\$100.00	Hunting License required to hunt Bear, Deer and Turkey
Annual	Wildlife Management Area Permit	\$30.50	\$76.00	Hunting License required for WMA Lands
Annual	Shooting Preserve License	8.50		For hunting specified released species only on licensed shooting preserves
Annual	Wild Turkey Transportation Tags	No Cost		Hunting License and Big Game Permit, season dates apply
Annual	Migratory Bird Permit (HIP)	No Cost		Hunting License, season dates apply
Annual	Migratory Waterfowl Permit (formerly State Duck Stamp)	\$5.50		Hunting License, Migratory Bird Permit, Federal Duck Stamp, season dates apply
Annual	Federal Duck Stamp	\$15.00		Hunting License, Migratory Bird Permit, Migratory Waterfowl Permit, season dates apply. Available at select US Post Offices by phone at 1-800-STAMP-24 (1-800-782-6724), online at www.fws.gov/duckstamps and DNR offices.
Annual	Individual Antlerless Deer Tags	\$5.00 ea		Maximum 4 tags per hunter, season dates apply, see page 53 for application
Annual	Commercial Fur Harvest License	\$25.00	\$200.00	Required for trapping or hunting furbearers for sale or trade. Required to possess 6 or more furbearers or their pelts.
Miscellaneous Privileges				
Annual	Bird Dog Training License	\$50.00	n/a	Contact: SCDNR Small Game Project PO Box 167 Columbia, SC 29202
Annual	Commercial Quail Breeder's License	\$5.00	n/a	To engage in the propagation of pen-raised quail for commercial purposes
Lifetime Privileges - See page 59 for more information and Application				
New Lifetime Saltwater Privileges are now available. For complete information visit dnr.sc.gov/licensing .				
Lifetime license types, fees and application are available on page 59.				